

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) A composition comprising a mature mocarhagin protein at least 95% free of other cobra proteins and comprising an N terminal amino acid sequence of TNTPEQDXYLQAKKYZEFYVVVDNBMJRJY, wherein X is G or R, Z is L or I, B is V, R or I, and J is K, Y or H.

2. (original) The composition of claim 1 wherein said mocarhagin protein is full-length mocarhagin.


3. (original) The composition of claim 1 wherein said mocarhagin protein is a fragment of full-length mocarhagin having mocarhagin proteolytic activity.

4. (original) The composition of claim 1 wherein said mocarhagin protein exhibits an IC50 of less than about 100 μ g/mL in a neutrophil/HL60 binding inhibition assay.

5. (currently amended) The composition of claim 1 wherein said mocarhagin protein is characterized by at least one characteristic ~~selected~~ chosen from the group consisting of:

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- (a) a molecular weight of approximately 55 kDa under reducing conditions;
 - (b) a molecular weight of approximately 55 kDa under nonreducing conditions;
 - (c) an N-terminal amino acid sequence comprising
TNTPEQDRYLQAKKYIEFYVVVDNVMYRKY (SEQ ID NO: 1);
 - (d) molarhagin proteolytic activity;
 - (e) the ability to inhibit platelet binding to vWF;
 - (f) requirement of calcium ion for activity;
 - (g) requirement of zinc ion for activity;
 - (h) an activity substantially inhibited by excess EDTA; and
 - (i) an activity substantially inhibited by high concentrations of DFP.


6. (currently amended) The composition of claim 1 wherein said molarhagin protein is capable of cleaving a material ~~selected~~ chosen from ~~the group consisting of~~ anionic polypeptides containing sulfated tyrosine residues, PSGL-I and GP Iba.

7. (original) A composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a composition of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

8. (withdrawn) A method of treating an inflammatory disease comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a composition of claim 7 to a mammalian subject.

9. (withdrawn) A method of inhibiting selectin-mediated binding comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a composition of claim 7 to a mammalian subject.

10. (withdrawn) A method of isolating mocoarhagin from venom, said method comprising:

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- (a) subjecting a composition comprising cobra venom to a heparin affinity chromatography column;
 - (b) subjecting the eluate from said heparin affinity column to a size exclusion column;
 - (c) subjecting the eluate from said size exclusion column to a Mono S column; and
 - (d) eluting said mocoarhagin from said Mono S column.

11. (currently amended) A composition comprising a mocoarhagin protein isolated ~~according to the method of claim 10~~ from cobra venom by:

- (a) subjecting a composition comprising cobra venom to a heparin affinity chromatography column;

- (b) subjecting the eluate from said heparin affinity column to a size exclusion column;
- (c) subjecting the eluate from said size exclusion column to a Mono S column; and
- (d) eluting said mocarhagin from said Mono S column thereby obtaining a mocarhagin protein.

12. (original) The composition of claim 11 further comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

13. (withdrawn) A method of treating an inflammatory disease comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a composition of claim 12 to a mammalian subject.

14. (withdrawn) A method of inhibiting selectin-mediated binding comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a composition of claim 12 to a mammalian subject.

15. (withdrawn) A composition comprising an antibody which specifically reacts with the mocarhagin of the composition of claim 1 or a fragment thereof having mocarhagin proteolytic activity.

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16. (original) The composition of claim 4 wherein said mocarhagin protein exhibits an IC50 of less than about 1 μ g/mL in a neutrophil/HL60 binding inhibition assay.

17. (original) The composition of claim 1 wherein said mocarhagin protein is homogeneous.

18. (original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the N-terminal sequence of said protein is TNTPEQDRYLQAKKYIEFYVVVDNVMYRKYTGKLVITXXVYEMNALN (SEQ ID NO:2).

19. (original) The composition of claim 5 wherein said protein comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6 from amino acid 192 to amino acid 621.

20. (currently amended) A composition comprising a mocarhagin protein, wherein said protein comprises an amino acid sequence ~~selected~~ chosen from the ~~group consisting of:~~

- (a) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6;
- (b) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6 from amino acid 24 to amino acid 621;
- (c) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6 from amino acid 192 to amino acid 621;

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(d) fragments of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6 encoding a protein having mocrhagin activity; and

(e) the amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA insert of clone NMM-1 deposited under accession number ATCC 209588; the protein being substantially free from other mammalian proteins.

21. (original) The composition of claim 20 wherein said protein comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6.

22-26. (Canceled)

27. (currently amended) A protein produced according to a process comprising:

(a) in a suitable culture medium, growing a culture of a host cell transformed with an isolated polynucleotide comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 5 operably linked to an expression control sequence; and

(b) purifying the protein from the culture.

28. (original) The protein of claim 27 comprising a mature protein.

29. (original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a protein of claim 20 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

30. (currently amended) A composition comprising a mocarhagin protein, wherein said protein comprises an amino acid sequence ~~selected~~ chosen from the ~~group consisting of:~~

- (a) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:8;
- (b) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:8 from amino acid 24 to amino acid 439;
- (c) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:8 from amino acid 192 to amino acid 439;
- (d) fragments of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:8 encoding a protein having mocarhagin activity; and
- (e) the amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA insert of clone NMM-2 deposited under accession number ATCC 209589; the protein being substantially free from other mammalian proteins.

31. (currently amended) The composition of claim 30 wherein said protein comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6 8.

32-36. (Canceled)

37. (currently amended) A protein produced according to a process comprising:

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- (a) in a suitable culture medium, growing a culture of a host cell transformed with an isolated polynucleotide comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:7 operably linked to an expression control sequence; and
- (b) purifying the protein from the culture.

38. (original) The protein of claim 37 comprising a mature protein.

39. (original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a protein of claim 30 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

40. (currently amended) A composition comprising a mocrhagin protein, wherein said protein comprises an amino acid sequence ~~selected~~ chosen from the ~~group consisting of:~~

- (a) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 10;
- (b) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 10 from amino acid 24 to amino acid 613;
- (c) the amino acid sequence of SEQ m NO: 10 from amino acid 192 to amino acid 613;
- (d) fragments of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 10 encoding a protein having mocrhagin activity; and

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(e) the amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA insert of clone NMM-9 deposited under accession number ATCC 209586; the protein being substantially free from other mammalian proteins.

41. (currently amended) The composition of claim 40 wherein said protein comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6 10.

42-46. (Canceled)

47. (currently amended) A protein produced according to a process comprising:

(a) in a suitable culture medium, growing a culture of a host cell transformed with an isolated polynucleotide comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:9 operably linked to an expression control sequence; and

(b) purifying the protein from the culture.

48. (original) The protein of claim 47 comprising a mature protein.

49. (original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a protein of claim 40 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

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50. (currently amended) A composition comprising a mocarhagin protein, wherein said protein comprises an amino acid sequence ~~selected~~ chosen from the ~~group consisting of:~~

- (a) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 12;
- (b) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 12 from amino acid 24 to amino acid 521;
- (c) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 12 from amino acid 192 to amino acid 521;
- (d) fragments of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 12 encoding a protein having mocarhagin activity; and
- (e) the amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA insert of clone NMM-12 deposited under accession number ATCC 209585; the protein being substantially free from other mammalian proteins.

51. (currently amended) The composition of claim 50 wherein said protein comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 12.

52-56. (Canceled)

57. (currently amended) A protein produced according to a process comprising:

- (a) in a suitable culture medium, growing a culture of a host cell transformed with an isolated polynucleotide comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 11 operably linked to an expression control sequence; and
- (b) purifying the protein from the culture.

58. (original) The protein of claim 57 comprising a mature protein.

59. (original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a protein of claim 50 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

60. (currently amended) A composition comprising a mocrhagin protein, wherein said protein comprises an amino acid sequence ~~selected~~ chosen from the ~~group consisting of:~~

- (a) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 14;
- (b) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 14 from amino acid 24 to amino acid 592;
- (c) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 14 from amino acid 192 to amino acid 592;
- (d) fragments of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 12 encoding a protein having mocrhagin activity; and

(e) the amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA insert of clone NMM-13 deposited under accession number ATCC 209584; the protein being substantially free from other mammalian proteins.

61. (currently amended) The composition of claim 60 wherein said protein comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6 12.

62-66. (Canceled)

67. (currently amended) A protein produced according to a process comprising:

(a) in a suitable culture medium, growing a culture of a host cell transformed with an isolated polynucleotide comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 13 operably linked to an expression control sequence; and

(b) purifying the protein from the culture.

68. (original) The protein of claim 67 comprising a mature protein.

69. (original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a protein of claim 60 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

70. (currently amended) A composition comprising a mocarhagin protein, wherein said protein comprises an amino acid sequence ~~selected~~ chosen from the ~~group consisting of:~~

- (a) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 16;
- (b) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 16 from amino acid 62 to amino acid 462;
- (c) fragments of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 16 encoding a protein having mocarhagin activity; and
- (d) the amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA insert of clone NMM-3 deposited under accession number ATCC 209587; the protein being substantially free from other mammalian proteins.

71. (currently amended) The composition of claim 70 wherein said protein comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: ~~6~~ 16.

72-76. (Canceled)

77. (currently amended) A protein produced according to a process comprising:

- (a) in a suitable culture medium, growing a culture of a host cell transformed with an isolated polynucleotide comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 15 operably linked to an expression control sequence; and

(b) purifying the protein from the culture.

78. (original) The protein of claim 77 comprising a mature protein.

79. (original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a protein of claim 70 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

80. (currently amended) A composition comprising a mocrhagin protein, wherein said protein comprises an amino acid sequence ~~selected~~ chosen from the ~~group consisting of:~~

- (a) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 18;
- (b) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 18 from amino acid 197 to amino acid 621;
- (c) fragments of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 18 encoding a protein having mocrhagin activity; and
- (d) the amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA insert of clone NMM-9ek deposited under accession number ATCC 209583; the protein being substantially free from other mammalian proteins.

81. (currently amended) The composition of claim 80 wherein said protein comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: ~~6~~ 18.

82-86. (Canceled)

87. (currently amended) A protein produced according to a process comprising:

- (a) in a suitable culture medium, growing a culture of a host cell transformed with an isolated polynucleotide comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:17 operably linked to an expression control sequence; and
- (b) purifying the protein from the culture.

88. (original) The protein of claim 87 comprising a mature protein.

89. (original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a protein of claim 80 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

90-95. (Canceled)

96. (withdrawn) A method of treating a condition characterized by P- or E-selectin-mediated intercellular adhesion comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a composition of claim 7 to a mammalian subject.

97. (withdrawn) A method of treating a condition characterized by P- or E-selectin mediated intercellular adhesion comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a composition of claim 12 to a mammalian subject.

98. (withdrawn-currently amended) The method of claims 96 or 97 wherein said condition characterized by P- or E-selectin mediated intercellular adhesion is selected chosen from the ~~group consisting of~~: myocardial infarction, vessel restenosis, thrombosis, bacterial or viral infection, metastatic conditions, inflammatory disorders such as arthritis, acute respiratory distress syndrome, asthma, emphysema, delayed type hypersensitivity reaction, systemic lupus erythmatosus, thermal injury, autoimmune thyroiditis, experimental allergic encephalomyelitis, multiple sclerosis, diabetes, Reynaud's syndrome, neutrophilic dermatosis, inflammatory bowel disease, Grave's disease, glomerulonephritis, gingivitis, periodontitis, hemolytic uremic syndrome, ulcerative colitis, Crohn's decease, necrotizing enterocolitis, granulocyte transfusion associated syndrome, and cytokine-induced toxicity.

99. (withdrawn) A method of treating a condition characterized by P- or E-selectin mediated intercellular adhesion comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a composition of any one of claims 29, 39, 49, 59, 69, 79, or 89 to a mammalian subject.

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